

Appl. No. 10/755,088

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37. (Cancelled)

REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 1-37 are pending in the present application. No additional claims fee is believed to be due.

Claims 4 and 36-37 are canceled without prejudice.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation of Claim 4, which has been cancelled. Support for the amendment is found in original Claims 1 and 4.

Rejection Under 35 USC §103(a) Over Busch et al. in view of Deluca et al.

Claims 1-3, 5-15, 17-19, and 30-37 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Busch et al. in view of Deluca et al.

Applicants have amended Claim 1, from which all other claims depend, to include the limitation of Claim 4, which was indicated as allowable if written in independent form.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit the 35 USC §103(a) rejection of Claims 1-3, 5-36 are allowable over the cited art, and respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

Conclusion

In light of the above remarks, it is requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection, and allow the claims based on the notice of allowable subject matter. Early and favorable action in the case is respectfully requested.

This response represents an earnest effort to place the application in proper form and to distinguish the invention as now claimed from the applied references. In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of this application, entry of the amendments presented herein, and allowance of Claims 1-3, and 5-36 is respectfully requested.

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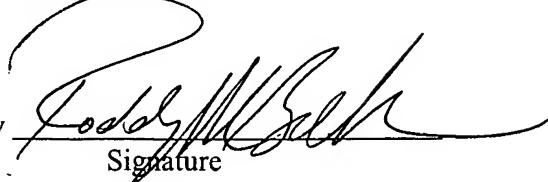
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